Setting up of an Atomic Power Plant in Jaduguda Bihar

1941. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that not even a single atomic power plant is located in the eastern region of the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that natural quality uranium is found in abundance in Singhbum District of Bihar ;

(c) whether a survey was conducted by an expert committee appointed by Government to report the selection of places for the location of atomic plants in the country; and

(d) whether the said committee had suggested Jaduguda, a place in Singhbum District of Bihar, as the ideal location for an atomic power plant in eastern region whether Government have decided to set up an atomic power plant at Jaduguda?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) At present there is no atomic power station in the Eastern Region.

(b) The largest known reserves of Uranium, in its natural state, in the country are located in Singhbum thrust Belt of Bihar.

(c) and (d) Site Selection Committee of the Department of Atomic Energy has assessed various sites in the Eastern Region of which Bihar is a constituent state. The Bihar State authorities proposed a number of sites including a site in Singhbum district which was also assessed by the committee. Report of the committee is under consideration of Government.

Bidi racket

1942. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Hindustan Times of 22nd August, 1985 to the effect that a spurious bidi racket has been unearthed in New Delhi.

(b) if so, the details of the racket unearthed;

(c) whether any arrest has been made; and

(d) it so, what action has been taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES : (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) On 18-8-1985, One, Puran Lal, resident of Usman Pur, Delhi, who was having two bags of bidies for different trade marks, suspected to be spurious, was produced to the Police. A case under Section 420/468 IPC was registered at Police Station Connaught Place, New Delhi and investigation taken up. During the course of investigation, it came to light that Puran Lal used to prepare bidies in his own house and also used to sell them to Ashok Kumar, Ravi Kumar and Subhash Chander of Delhi. The houses of these persons were searched and a large quantity of spurious bidi packets and raw material along with counterfeit wrapping papers and labels of different trade marks worth Rs. 40,000 were recovered from their possession. All the four persons were arrested.

Initiation of process of political dialogue with South Africa

1943. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to